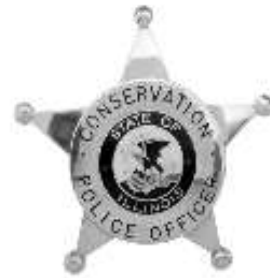




Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



Vision Statement: As vigilant guardians we will protect the citizens and natural resources of Illinois.

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(Weeks of July 14 – July 28, 2016)

*This report represents some events the OLE handled over the last couple of weeks;
however, it does not include all actions taken by the Office of Law Enforcement.*

REGION 1 – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. T. Petreikis

(Counties: Carroll, Henry, JoDaviess, Lee, Mercer, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson & Whiteside)

CARROLL COUNTY

CPO Jones issued a Savanna woman a citation for speeding for going 72 mph in a 55 mph zone.

CPO Jones issued an Orland Park man a citation for possession of alcoholic beverages in a posted prohibited area at Mississippi Palisades State Park campground. Several campers at the site were consuming alcohol while playing bags. The alcohol was dumped out and the other campers were issued written warnings.

JO DAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Hoogerwerf patrolled public and private bodies of water. Written warnings were issued for the following violations: failure to attach water usage stamp on kayaks, operation of a motorboat without wearing lanyard cutoff, and no type IV throwable device.

CPO Hoogerwerf patrolled Apple River Canyon State Park. A citation was issued to a Stockton man for speeding 47 mph in a 35 mph zone within the state park.

MERCER COUNTY

CPO Palumbo attended a Mercer County Cub Scout outdoor event with the Conservation Police Lodge Trailer. The scouts had an evening of fishing, archery, and air gun rifle shooting; along with hanging out with IDNR Law Enforcement and learning about the natural resources and how to safely enjoy them.

OGLE COUNTY

While on boat patrol on the Rock River, CPO Jones and CPO Teas issued written warnings for equipment violations such as failure to wear lanyard, not having batteries covered, no sounding device and passenger location. Citations were issued for lifejacket violations and fishing without licenses.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPOs Teas and Posateri were on boat patrol on the Mississippi River in Rock Island County when they observed a boat with a male operator and female passenger in front of them. The occupants of the boat were sharing the same seat, engaging in inappropriate behavior so they activated the emergency lights to stop the boat. Once the operator finally stopped, CPO Teas conducted a safety inspection. During the inspection, the operator was angry and became more uncooperative as CPO Teas questioned him about his alcohol consumption due to signs of impairment observed during the check. CPO Teas instructed the operator to put on a PFD and board the patrol boat to conduct field sobriety testing. The operator put on the PFD but stated he was not going to get on the CPO's boat. CPO Teas boarded their boat instead. CPO Teas began checking the operator for sobriety but the operator grew more angry and uncooperative. Finally, the operator stopped complying with the tests and asked CPO Teas if they had a problem. After a brief discussion, the operator asked CPO Teas if he was under arrest. CPO Teas informed him he was and the operator jumped overboard and began swimming away taunting the CPOs. Due to the close proximity to the bank, the subject reached the bank and ran into the woods. When he jumped out, he left his wallet including his photo ID and cell phone behind. It was soon learned the operator had just been released from prison. Several agencies including Rock Island County, Rock Island City along with a K9 and Illinois State Police responded and assisted in the search. The subject was unable to be located that night. The operator's boat, trailer and vehicle were all towed. A warrant for the subject for numerous charges including OUI and resisting is being pursued with the Rock Island County State's Attorney.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

CPO Hoogerwerf patrolled Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park. A citation was issued to a Freeport man for littering in the state park after trash was thrown into the woods behind his campsite instead of being placed in the provided garbage containers.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Palumbo issued multiple citations and written warnings to a Brookfield man for unlawfully taking a Canada goose during the closed season on the Rock River in Whiteside County. The Brookfield man fired his .9mm pistol 6 times into a flock of geese as they were swimming off the shoreline from his cabin, hitting one of them.

District 6 – Sgt. Phil Wire

(Counties: Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam & Winnebago)

DEKALB COUNTY

CPO Murry was traveling home when a vehicle in front of him ran a stop sign without making any attempt to stop. A traffic stop was made on that vehicle. During the stop it was discovered the driver had been consuming alcohol. It was also discovered that four passengers in the vehicle had open containers of alcohol. After a brief investigation, the driver was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, disobeying a stop sign, and driving under the influence of alcohol with a BAC over .08 (.101). The four passengers were cited for Illegal transportation of alcohol.

CPO Murry was patrolling Shabbona Lake State Park when he observed a vehicle enter the park and pass through an area where firefighter volunteers were collecting donations for the fireworks. The vehicle was traveling at a speed that was unsafe for those in the area. A stop was made of the vehicle for failure to yield. During that stop a strong odor of cannabis was observed emitting from the vehicle. The driver and passenger were both cited for unlawful possession of cannabis and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

LASALLE COUNTY

Sgt. Wire closed out three cases. An individual that littered along the Illinois River was fined \$300. A sex offender that was in Starved Rock State Park was fined \$500. An individual that trespassed and stole a trail camera was sentenced to

one weekend in jail and a \$500 fine.

CPO Jansen discovered two subjects in a restricted area of Starved Rock. As he approached he could smell the odor of burnt cannabis. The subjects were questioned and one subject stated she had cannabis and paraphernalia in her possession. Citations were issued for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of cannabis < 2.5 g, and 2 citations for entering a restricted area

CPO Filipiak was on numerous foot patrol at Starved Rock, Buffalo Rock and Matthiessen State Parks :
2 individuals were issued a citation for possession of alcohol on the trails at the state parks
3 individuals were arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia
3 individuals were arrested for possession of cannabis

CPO Filipiak was on numerous sport fishing checks which led to:
2 individuals were issued citations for fishing with no valid fishing license
3 Individuals were fishing without permission on private land
1 Individual was issued citations for being in possession of short small mouth bass

CPO Kaufman responded to a stranded boat on the Illinois River at 10 pm on a Saturday. The boat had 4 adults and 3 children aboard. CPO Kaufman called on Standard Fire Department and a tug based out of Hennepin to assist, due to lightning and thunderstorms quickly moving into the area. CPO Kaufman and a firefighter launched a boat at Spring Valley and located the boat. The boat was towed downstream until they met up with the tug. All passengers were taken aboard the tug and the tug took over towing the boat. The tug safely took everyone to the Hennepin. After talking to the boat owner, CPO Kaufman determined the boat had run out of fuel.

CPO Kaufman was subpoenaed to court for an off trail citation he had issued in October 2015 at Starved Rock State Park. After CPO Kaufman and the defendant testified during the 5 minute bench trial, the defendant was found guilty.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

While investigating a suspicious person complaint at Rock Cut State Park, Officer Schoonhoven met with this person and subsequently arrested him on a \$200,000 felony warrant and other drug charges.

CPO Fraser received an anonymous complaint reference illegal possession of Alligator snapping turtles in Winnebago County. CPOs Fraser and Murry investigated the complaint and found three legally possessed common snapping turtles. However, during the investigation it was discovered the suspect was a violent felon and registered child sex offender who failed to complete annual registration and failed to update his address, a class 3 felony. Two days later, after contacting local law enforcement and the States Attorney's Office, CPOs Fraser and Schoonhoven obtained an arrest warrant for the individual. The suspect was apprehended at his home without incident and transported to the Winnebago County Jail.

CPOs Fraser and Schoonhoven received a complaint reference a male subject harassing campground patrons and possessing cannabis and paraphernalia in Rock Cut State Park. The CPOs located the subject walking in the park with a female. CPO Schoonhoven discovered cannabis and paraphernalia on the male who was subsequently placed under arrest. While under arrest, the subject provided a false name in an attempt to hide the fact he was wanted on a \$200,000 warrant for previous felony drug possession. The subject was transported to the Winnebago County Jail for the violations and the warrant. CPO Fraser remained at the scene and cited the female for additional cannabis and drug paraphernalia charges.

CPO Alt successfully convicted a Montana resident for falsifying residency in order to obtain hunting licenses and deer permits the past four years. This individual unlawfully harvested four deer in the past two years using these unlawful licenses/permits. The subject was assessed \$1500.00 fine, \$1,000.00 civil penalty and 60 month suspension of his

hunting privilege.

CPO Alt stopped a motor vehicle in Rock Cut State Park for speeding and unlawful operation of an uninsured motor vehicle.

CPO Alt stopped a motorist for disobeying a stop sign and obstructed windshield in Rock Cut State Park.

CPO Alt responded to an unknown dumping complaint in Willow Creek in Rock Cut State Park.

CPO Alt responded to an injured Canada goose complaint at the Rockford Federal Courthouse. After unsuccessful capture of the goose, the call was referred to a local federally licensed animal rehabilitator.

CPO Alt responded to a complaint of harassment of a hawk's nest by a commercial builder and tree removal service in Rockford. Complaint was unfounded.

CPO Alt received a pollution complaint on Kilbuck Creek in New Milford. IEPA was notified and took over the investigation after CPO Alt forwarded photos of the creek and put EPA in contact with the complainant.

CPO Alt taught a hunter safety class at Torsenton Youth Hunting facility in Pecatonica.

CPO Alt cited three individuals for fishing w/o fishing licenses at the Rockton Dam.

CPO Alt stopped a motor vehicle after it drove through a stop intersection, turned without signaling then clocked speeding in Rock Cut State Park. The teenage driver was also found in violation of driver's license not on person and obstructed windshield.

CPO Alt stopped a motor vehicle in Rock Cut State Park for unlawful use of electronic communication device.

CPO Alt cited a man for unlawful possession/consumption of alcohol in a state park where posted "prohibited" at Olson Lake Swim Beach in Rock Cut State Park.

District 7, Sgt. Scott Avery

(Counties: Fulton, Henderson, Knox, Marshall, McDonough, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell, Warren & Woodford)

FULTON COUNTY

While patrolling the Illinois River, CPO Thompson and CPO Elliott observed a Jon boat being operated near the Liverpool boat ramp. The CPOs observed the operator was not wearing his safety lanyard while operating the boat. Contact was made with the operator at the docks and a boat safety inspection ensued. During the check, CPOs were able to detect a strong odor of alcohol that grew stronger when the operator spoke. The man had bloodshot, glassy eyes and slurred speech. CPO Thompson inquired as to how much alcohol the operator had consumed prior to our contact. The subject said he had 6 beers. After completion of field sobriety testing, the subject was arrested for OUI and later provided a breath sample of .154 BAC. Citations were issued for operating without lanyard affixed, operating under the influence, and operating under the influence greater than .08 BAC.

KNOX COUNTY

CPO Lazzell and CPOT Rumfelt arrested a subject for violations discovered during a boat and fishing compliance check at Snakeden Hollow S.F.W.A. Multiple citations and written warnings were issued to the boat operator for the following violations: possession of cannabis, insufficient wearable PFDs on the vessel, operating an unnumbered watercraft, no

emergency sounding device, and unsecured battery and expired boat trailer registration. Additionally, a passenger in the boat was cited for fishing without a license.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPOs have received numerous complaints of subjects unlawfully riding ATV's on property without permission in northern Peoria County. Sgt. Avery, CPO Rumfelt, and CPO Gerard responded to the area and cited 10 ATV riders for unlawful operation on property without permission of the owner.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO Lazzell and CPO Gerard arrested a fisherman at Powerton Lake S.F.W.A. for the unlawful possession of 15 catfish over the daily creel limit of 6. Considering the fisherman's violation history he was issued 15 citations, 1 for each fish over the legal creel limit. Additionally, the subject's fishing equipment and all 21 catfish were seized. Over the past 7 years this fisherman has been issued 30 fishing citations and assessed fines & fees over \$4000 for fishing violations yet he continues to violate the State's fishing regulations with knowledge of the law and intent to take over the legal limit of fish.

CPO VanZant issued written warnings to two subjects who were fishing without permission. They also did not have their fishing licenses in possession

CPO VanZant caught a Canada goose and cut fishing line and a hook from the bird's legs and wing.

REGION 2 – Captain Brett Scroggins

District 2 – Sgt. Rich Riedel (Counties: Kane, Lake & McHenry)

KANE

CPO Siedsma and CPOT Cox arrested subject at the St. Charles boat ramp for OUI. After completing a compliance/ safety check on the watercraft the operator appeared anxious and nervous, open alcohol was observed in the boat. FSTs were performed; subject was arrested with a BAC .103.

CPO Siedsma and CPOT Cox responded to a netting complaint in North Aurora reported by the local police around 7:30 pm. Police stated two subjects were seen walking the river and throwing a net. Local police attempted to make contact, but subjects continued walking down the river avoiding contact. Upon arrival, we walked a portion of the shore line and observed the two subjects casting a net; the two male subjects were cited appropriately. After completing the arrest another subject was cited for the unlawful use of cast net to take sport fish while using the net at the base of the North Aurora Dam just north of the previous incident.

CPO Siedsma and CPOT Cox arrest a male subject for OUI after stopping the watercraft for a safety check, the boat was carrying 5 subjects and an infant with no PFD'S. After speaking with the operator, FST's were performed and the subject was arrested for OUI, subject blew .148 in the PBT but refused to blow during processing.

CPO Semenik arrested a St. Charles woman for operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol on the Fox River at Boy Scout Island. The woman's BAC was .094%

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Schreiber, CPOT Cox, and Intern Bissonette cited a subject on Spring Lake for failure to immediately release an undersized Largemouth Bass. The bass was only 9" long and the minimum length on that body of water is 14".

CPO Schreiber, Sgt. Riedel, CPOT Cox, and Intern Bissonette arrested three subjects on the Chain O' Lakes for operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol. The first subject was stopped at 7:47 pm for violating a posted no wake zone. His BAC was 0.135%. At 9:16 pm, a second subject was stopped for operating a watercraft at night without a stern light. His BAC was 0.083%. The third subject was stopped at 11:00 pm, also for not having a visible stern light. His BAC was .087%.

CPO Schreiber, CPOT Cox, and Intern Bissonette arrested a subject on Grass Lake for operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol. The subject had a BAC of 0.165%.

CPO Schreiber and Sgt. Riedel arrested several subjects at the Chain O' Lakes State Park for possession of alcohol in a posted restricted area, possession of cannabis, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a controlled substance.

CPO Schreiber cited an individual in Island Lake for unlawful take of a Canada goose with a BB gun after he was tired of having them poop all over his yard.

CPO Davis arrested a subject for OUI on Nippersink Lake after he was observed violating the no wake zone. He supplied a breath sample showing a concentration of .106%.

CPO Winters and CPO Davis conducted a boat patrol on Nippersink Lake. CPO Winters arrested a subject for OUI. He refused a breath sample.

While assisting Sgt. Riedel on a traffic stop at the Chain O' Lakes State Park, CPO Winters arrested a subject for possession of cannabis. CPO Winters smelled cannabis from outside the passenger side window. The subject handed over a plastic bag and a blunt.

CPO VanWiltburg appeared at the Mundelein Farmers Market with the CPO education trailer and answered questions from the public. It has been a popular addition the last couple of years.

CPO VanWiltburg appeared at the Cops and Bobbers fishing event at the Mundelein Seminary with the CPO education trailer. The Mundelein Police sponsor this every year where prizes are given for the most fish caught, smallest and largest fish caught.

CPO VanWiltburg spoke to the Libertyville Fishing Club regarding fishing and boating regulations.

CPO Wagner was contacted by Mundelein Police Department about individual hunting geese with compound bow in city park. Upon further investigation the individual was arrested and received citations for hunting geese during closed season, hunting without valid hunting license and hunting without federal waterfowl stamp. The individual was also charged by Mundelein Police Department for unlawful discharge of weapon and illegal hunting. The individual also received a written warning for no state waterfowl stamp and failing to register with HIP.

McHENRY COUNTY

In August of last year, CPO Semenik arrested three men unlawfully fishing without consent of landowner at an abandoned property lake in McHenry County. There has been a standing complaint at this location for several years and there is strictly no trespassing. Following the incident a further investigation was conducted. During the investigation it was learned two of the three men have been making the illegal fishing trip an annual event. CPO Semenik interviewed and cited the men for their 2014 violations. A McHenry County judge found them guilty of the 2014 charges and fined both men \$395 each. As a result of their convictions in 2015 and 2014, the two Mt Prospect men's fishing licenses will be revoked/suspended for 18 months.

CPO Semenik issued a citation to a fisherman at the Algonquin Dam for illegally taking of sport-fish with a cast net.

CPO Semenik arrested a Lakemoor man for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis less than 2.5 grams at an abandoned property lake in McHenry County. There has been a standing complaint at this location for several years and there is strictly no trespassing. The man and three of his friends were swimming and drinking by the lake at the time of the incident.

District 3 – Sgt. Mark Simon
(Counties: Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall & Will)

Nothing reported.

District 4 – Sgt. Bill Shannon
(Counties: Cook & DuPage)

COOK COUNTY

CPO Whitchurch observed a subject launch his boat at an IDNR Lake. As soon as the subject launched his boat, he accelerated quickly within feet of the public launch ramp. The subject was also operating a boat equipped with a 40 HP motor which only allowed him to operate at no wake speed on the lake. Contact with the boat operator was made. It was then learned the boat also had a personal flotation device violation as well. The operator was issued a citation and two written warnings.

CPO Whitchurch observed a subject tossing paper and tobacco products into and around the shoreline at an IDNR Lake. CPO Whitchurch made contact with the subject and a citation and written warning were issued.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at an IDNR Lake when he observed three subjects fishing. Two of the three subjects were unlawfully possessing and consuming alcohol. All three of the subjects did not possess valid sport fishing licenses. Three citations and two written warnings were issued.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol driving through a Cook County Community when he observed a subject driving an off-highway motorcycle on the parkway, sidewalks and street unlawfully. CPO Whitchurch stopped the subject and informed him of the multiple off-highway motorcycle violations. A citation and multiple written warnings were issued.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at an IDNR Lake when he observed a subject filleting largemouth bass unlawfully seeing there was a size and bag limit for largemouth bass at the lake where this occurred. The subject was also observed tossing the fish parts and entrails onto the ground and back into the lake. CPO Whitchurch made contact with the subject and explained the laws to him. A citation and written warnings were issued.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol at Lake Michigan when they observed a large watercraft being operated without any visible registration. A check of the watercraft was completed. The watercraft had no valid registration, no serviceable fire extinguisher on board, and no visible distress signals. A citation and two written warnings were issued.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol at the southern portion of Lake Michigan when they observed a personal watercraft being operated by a youthful operator. A check of the watercraft revealed there was no sounding device on board and the operator was too young to be operating the watercraft without completion of a boater's safety education course. The youth was ordered off the water and contact with the youth's parents was made. A citation was issued for the youthful operator violation.

CPO Whitchurch and CPO Poffenberger conducted a watercraft safety inspection on a personal watercraft after no visible registration numbers were observed on the watercraft. The watercraft did have valid registration, but the owner

failed to display them. The watercraft did not also have a fire extinguisher on board. A citation and a written warning were issued.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol at a Lake Michigan Public Launch Ramp when they observed a personal watercraft being operated creating a large wake right next to the public launch ramp. The personal watercraft continued to operate creating a large wake in a posted “no wake” area. A stop of the watercraft was made. A wake zone violation citation was issued.

CPO Whitchurch observed a boat being operated in a Lake Michigan Chicago Harbor which did not have any visible registration displayed on the boat. A check of the boat revealed the boat was unlawfully being operated without valid registration and was also without visual distress signals. A citation and a written warning were issued.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at IDNR Property when he observed a vehicle commit multiple Illinois Vehicle Code Violations. A stop of the vehicle was made and it was learned the driver of the vehicle was driving while that person’s driver’s license was currently suspended. The driver of the vehicle was arrested and bonded. Multiple Illinois Vehicle Code Citations were issued. The driver will appear in court at a later date.

CPO Mooi was patrolling William Powers State Park when he observed a minivan drive past with two young girls hanging out the rear window. CPO Mooi initiated a traffic stop and the driver was issued a citation for failure to restrain a child in an approved seating or seat-belt system.

CPO Mooi was conducting a boat enforcement detail at the Alsip Boat Launch when he observed a vehicle towing a wave-runner head into the parking lot, pass the police vehicle and exit the parking lot. CPO Mooi finished answering the questions of a new boat owner and headed over to the boat launch in Worth. Upon arriving, CPO Mooi observed the vehicle which left the Alsip launch in the parking lot at the Worth launch. CPO Mooi drove down towards the launch and observed a wave-runner entering the no wake area at a high rate of speed and began doing circles at high speed in front of the boat launch. CPO spoke with the operator of the wave-runner and issued a citation for violation of a no-wake area and three written warnings.

CPO Mooi attended court in Cook County. A Chicago man entered a guilty plea for resisting or obstructing a peace officer stemming from a traffic stop in April.

DUPAGE COUNTY

CPO Mooi investigated a trapping complaint in DuPage County. A citation was issued for Nuisance Trapping without a Permit and a warning for failure to check traps once per calendar day.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Vaughan issued two citations to subjects who had operated their personal watercraft passed the buoys marking a restricted area and parked them in the swim beach area.

CPO Vaughan issued several citations for unlawful possession of alcohol in a restricted area at Illinois Beach State Park.

CPO Vaughan and CPO Farber arrested a male subject for possession of cannabis at Illinois Beach State Park. During the arrest the subject kept trying to walk away from officers because the “conVersation police” were not real cops but actually “rental cops” with no authority.

REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

(Counties: Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie & Shelby)

COLES COUNTY

CPOs Moody and Barnes cited a Mattoon man at Lake Paradise for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis while checking fishermen.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Moody cited a Tuscola man for pollution of a waterway after he had thrown multiple beer bottles in and along the river.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPOs Moody and Sanford cited a Decatur man for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis while on boat patrol on Lake Shelbyville

CPO Moody wrote various boat and fish code violations at local lakes and rivers.

CPO Barnes arrested a Blue Mound man and woman both for possession of drug paraphernalia and not more than 2.5 grams of cannabis on the Kaskaskia River below the Lake Shelbyville Dam in Shelby County.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

(Counties: Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, Macon, McLean, Piatt & Vermilion)

DEWITT COUNTY

CPO Cottrell was patrolling Clinton Lake at the Mascoutin boat ramp when he observed a new Master Craft ski boat enter the posted no wake area on plane. When the boat reached the dock CPO Cottrell conducted a safety compliance check and noted at least 3 additional violations. The Champaign man was issued a citation for the no wake violation and 3 written warnings for the other equipment violations.

CPO Reeves and CPOT Ausmus discovered a violent sexual predator at the Clinton Lake State Recreational Area Campground. The male subject was prohibited from entering all state parks. He was subsequently removed from the campground and the park. Charges on the male subject are pending with the Dewitt County State's Attorney

CPO Reeves and CPOT Ausmus made an arrest of a man at the Clinton Lake Beach. The man was discovered by the CPOs to have two outstanding warrants for his arrest. He was arrested by the two CPOs and taken to the Dewitt County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

While conducting boat patrol on Clinton Lake, CPO Graden and CPOT Ausmus cited a Clinton male for a watercraft passenger location violation. The vessel operator was allowing a passenger to stand on the stern deck as the watercraft was travelling on-plane down the lake.

CPO Graden arrested a male subject from Homer for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of L/T 2.5g cannabis. The contraband was found hidden inside a vehicle during a search incident to a K9 alert by CPO Viverito's police dog, Hank.

IROQUOIS COUNTY

CPO Reeves and CPOT Ausmus made an arrest of a male subject on Bayles Lake in Iroquois County for operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol. The man failed standardized field sobriety tests administered by the officers before being arrested. The man submitted a breath sample that indicated his BAC was .095.

MACON COUNTY

CPO Wright did a Sangamon River boat patrol over the weekend. Multiple boats were checked and one citation was issued. Also during the boat patrol CPO Wright located many deer stands and hunting properties that are not accessible by road.

McLEAN COUNTY

Sgt. Williamson received a call of a raccoon in a live trap on the porch of a residence in Bloomington. While meeting animal control at the residence Sgt. Williamson recognized the house that he responded to 2 years ago for a raccoon trapped on the roof. Several attempts were made at that time to make contact with the residents without any contact being made. Sgt. Williamson and CPO Graden are working with McLean County animal control to make contact with the residents.

VERMILION COUNTY

While patrolling the Kickapoo State Park campgrounds CPO Cottrell encountered a Macon County man consuming alcohol in a posted restricted area. A citation was issued.

REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul

District 9 – Sgt. Mark Wagner

(Counties: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Greene, Hancock, Jersey, Macoupin, Pike & Schuyler)

CALHOUN COUNTY

CPOs Gushleff and Goetten stopped a subject on a jet ski on the Mississippi River by the Golden Eagle Ferry. The operator was not wearing a personal flotation device. The subject was wanted on a felony warrant out of Indiana.

CPOT Snodgrass and CPO Goetten stopped a boat on the Mississippi River in Calhoun County for careless operation. The operator showed signs of impairment and was arrested for OUI. He had a BAC of .111%.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPOT Snodgrass and CPO Goetten stopped and inspected a commercial fisherman and his helper. The helper could not obtain a fishing license due to his lack of child support.

CPOT Snodgrass and CPO Goetten stopped a watercraft on the Illinois River at Grafton. A passenger was lying across the stern of the watercraft. The operator was given field sobriety test, which he failed. His BAC was .094. The operator was also arrested for under age consumption, possession of cannabis, and possession of drug paraphernalia. They also located a fake Illinois Identification on another subject.

CPO Gushleff stopped a subject on a jet ski on the Illinois River at Grafton for towing 2 subjects without an observer. The PWC had a capacity of 2, and he failed to display an orange flag.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Gushleff observed an individual who was following his IDNR police vehicle too closely and then passed doing 85 mph in a 55 mph zone. The driver was stopped in Beaver Dam State Park. The 17 year old driver informed CPO Gushleff that she was late for her curfew.

MADISON COUNTY

CPOs Gushleff and Goetten were patrolling the Mississippi River when they received a complaint of trespassing. A sailboat had tied up to private property. The landowner had asked the individual to move his sailboat, which he did. However, the owner of the sailboat moved it a short distance and was still trespassing. After making contact with the sailboat owner, they determined the sailboat owner was wanted on a warrant for failure to appear.

SCOTT COUNTY

CPOs Weishaupt and Wheatley responded to a personal injury boat accident in Scott County. Two passengers and the operator were ejected from an airboat, when the airboat hit the bank. The operator's inexperience in operating the airboat along with operating too fast for conditions was the cause of the accident. There were also several equipment violations.

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

(Counties: Cass, Christian, Logan, Mason, Morgan, Sangamon & Scott)

CASS

A subject CPOs Bettis and Thornley arrested for driving while revoked pleaded guilty to the violation. He received a \$485.00 fine and 10 days of imprisonment.

SANGAMON COUNTY

A subject arrested by CPOs Bettis and Thornley for unlawfully taking a deer pleaded guilty to the violation and received a \$120.00 fine.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

(Counties: Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Randolph, St. Clair & Washington)

CLINTON COUNTY

CPO Charles received a call from Clinton County Sheriff's Office of a boat passenger with injuries on Carlyle Lake. CPO Charles arrived in the area north of Coles Creek Campground and assisted EMS in providing medical treatment to the individual. CPO Charles determined that the passenger was attempting to step off the back end of the boat, slipped and hit his leg against the propeller of the boat. The boat was not in operation and was anchored at the time. The victim was transported from the location by ambulance to the hospital.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Ray was checking fishermen at Horseshoe Lake State Park and walked upon a vehicle with the passenger door open. A female subject was standing by the open door and a male was sitting in the front passenger seat. The individuals stated they were not fishing, just looking at the lake. CPO Ray smelled burnt cannabis from inside the vehicle and asked the male passenger to exit the vehicle. The male passenger was arrested for possession of cannabis. The couple was waiting for Sunday School to end at a nearby church so they could pick up their children.

CPO Rolfingsmeier while working sport fishing enforcement along the Mississippi River front came across 2 fishermen. The fishermen were fishing on private property that does not allow fishing. The fishermen were cited for fishing without permission.

CPO Liebl was working Horseshoe Lake State Park when he observed two men fishing from the shoreline. One man did not have a fishing license and was cited for that. The other man was wanted on two warrants, one for fishing without a valid fishing license and one for driving while license suspended. The man wanted on warrants was arrested and taken to jail.

CPO Liebl was working Horseshoe Lake State Park when he observed two males shooting at glass bottles from the roadway at a concrete barricade. It was determined that the men were using high powered air rifles. The men were leaving the area without picking up their mess when they were stopped. The men were cited for unlawful use of air rifle in a State Park. They were issued written warnings for shooting air rifles from a roadway and littering. The men were made to clean up their mess before leaving.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

CPO Liebl received a call from ISP about a person keeping two fawns in their house in northern Montgomery County. The person obtained the fawns about a week earlier after someone found them next to their deceased mother. The person with the fawns had received incorrect information about being able to keep the fawns. No wild animals in Illinois can be picked up and retained alive. The person was informed of the correct regulations and the fawns were taken to a licensed rehabilitator so they can be released back to the wild.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Schachner and CPOT Knop were patrolling a remote area along the Mississippi River when they received an assistance call for a large 42 foot watercraft aground in the Mississippi River. The officers were a considerable distance from their state watercraft, but fortunately Chester Fire Department was en route with two of their boats. The CPOs joined the fire department on their boats and were instrumental in safely directing them to the watercraft which had drifted onto a gravel bar at the head of an Island behind a rock dike which had currents and shallow areas. Further complicating matters, the large boats anchor was out and stuck in the deeper water which was the best direction to pull from. Both CPOs collectively then determined the safest and most effective manner in which to attach tow lines and attempt to pull the watercraft free. The effort was successful and the occupants of the 42 foot boat were very pleased and grateful. Chester Fire Department's quick response and their equipment and manpower were invaluable to the success of the rescue.

CPO Schachner and CPOT Knop were conducting recreational boat patrol on the Kaskaskia River and made two OUI (Operating under the Influence) arrests. One of the OUIs recorded a .074 BAC, but a combination of alcohol and prescription drugs caused impairment greater than the alcohol alone. The second OUI had been on the river all **day long with a group of people that were having a "river booze cruise" and had a blood alcohol concentration of .15.**

CPO Charles and CPO Sievers were on patrol in Randolph County on the Kaskaskia River. The Officers observed a boat violating a no wake area and made contact with the boat operator about the violation. After talking to the operator CPO Charles suspected the operator was impaired. After performing field sobriety testing CPO Charles placed the boat operator under arrest for operation of a boat under the influence. The operator later performed a breath test and was found to have a blood alcohol content of .266%, legal limit is .08%. The operator was arrested for the violation and the case is pending a court appearance.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Ray stopped a female subject at Frank Holten State Park for speeding over the posted 20 mph speed limit. The female driver stated she did not have insurance or a driver's license. She informed CPO Ray she was going to the DMV in

the morning to pick up her driver's license and insurance verification. The female driver's vehicle was towed and she was issued citations for driving without a driver's license and no insurance.

REGION 5 – Captain Tim Daiber

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

(Counties: Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Pope, Saline, White)

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Diggins conducted a class B game breeder's permit inspection. A secondary investigation is underway on violations found associated with the inspection.

While CPOs Schoenhoff and Folden were on boat patrol at Rend Lake they stopped a boat without the required lights. CPO Schoenhoff arrested the operator for operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol. His BAC was .092%. The operator was also cited for the lighting violation.

CPOs Folden and Schoenhoff were on boat patrol on Rend Lake when a pontoon boat, previously towing a person near their location on a tube, flagged the CPOs to their boat. CPOs Folden and Schoenhoff operated to the boat and saw the person previously being towed with injuries. The CPOs loaded the injured person and a family member onto the patrol boat and first aid was applied to the injuries. They operated to a boat ramp to meet ambulance personnel. CPOs Lay and Sgt. Cariens assisted at Dam West in addition to Abbott EMS, Sesser Fire, Franklin County SO and US Army COE Rangers. A life flight helicopter later transported the victim to a St Louis Hospital from the boat launch. CPO Folden is the lead investigator handling the boat accident.

GALLATIN COUNTY

CPO Schoenhoff conducted a random timber buyer inspection.

CPO Schoenhoff stopped a timber truck stop and issued a written warning for not having the paperwork filled out correctly.

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Folden closed a deer case from December 2014. Two compound bows, two deer racks and a Browning shotgun were forfeited to the Department. A total of \$4,041.00 in fines, including \$600.00 in civil penalties was assessed to the hunters. Guilty charges include, unlawful attempt to take during the closed season X2, unlawful take/possession of deer X2, hunting after taking the legal limit & unlawful hunting by the aid of a motor vehicle.

CPO Lay investigated two cases of abandoned property on the IDNR Ten Mile Creek Fish and Wildlife lands. The property was collected and placed in evidence pending owner notification/return.

CPO Diggins spoke to a group of approximately 50 youth from East St. Louis. The event was sponsored by the Illinois Conservation Foundation

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPOs Schoenhoff, Folden and Sgt. Cariens responded to a sinking boat call northwest of the Ina boat ramp. CPOs Schoenhoff and Folden towed the boat to the ramp and observed severe damage to the hull and outboard motor when the boat was placed on the trailer. The boat hit a submerged object after traveling North of the boat ramp. CPO Schoenhoff investigated the boat accident.

CPO Lay investigated a dead eagle case. A Jefferson County landowner found the eagle carcass on his property next to an electric fence. At the time the report was taken there was no information to suspect that the eagle was killed illegally.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

(Counties: Clay, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Lawrence, Marion, Richland, Wabash & Wayne)

Dallas, Texas – CPO Smith attended the funeral processions for two of the fallen Dallas police officers. Two officers from the Illinois Conservation Police were chosen to go to the funeral processions in recognition of showing our respects for the fallen officers.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

CPO D. Taylor cited a timber truck operator for improper proof ownership and operating with no cdl.

MARION COUNTY

CPO Smith was enforcing boating and park laws at Forbes Lake State Park. CPO Smith issued several written warnings for boating/equipment violations. Four written warnings were for battery cover violations, 4 were for PFD violations, 1 was for ATV on the roadway, 1 was for orange flag for towing, 1 was for overcapacity of watercraft, and 1 was for improper # display.

CPO Smith issued 1 citation to an individual at the beach for possessing alcohol, and 1 citation to a boat operator for insufficient # of life jackets.

While on patrol at S.A. Forbes State Park, CPO Holland conducted traffic stops on two separate vehicles at the beach parking lot. Neither of the vehicles was insured. The operators were both suspended/revoked. The operator of one of the vehicles had an active order of protection and the protected parties were present in the vehicle. Both subjects were placed under arrest and transported to the Marion County jail where they were issued citations and left awaiting bonding/arraignment.

While on patrol at Stephen A. Forbes State Park, CPO Holland conducted a traffic stop and learned the operator's driver's license was revoked. The subject was taken into custody and transported to the Marion County jail where he was issued citations for driving while revoked and no proof of insurance. He was left in the custody of the sheriff's office awaiting bond.

District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor

(Counties: Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pulaski, Union & Williamson)

JACKSON COUNTY

Sgt. Taylor, CPO Vasicek and CPO Sommers conducted OUI details on Kinkaid Lake. Sommers and Vasicek each arrested impaired operators. CPO Vasicek arrested a subject who registered a 0.152% BAC. CPO Somers arrested a subject for operating while under the influence of drugs.

Other violations detected were no competent observer for skier, lack of PFDs, fire extinguisher, lanyard cutoff, passenger locations, and no wake violations.

CPOs Vasicek and Mohrman conducted alcohol and watercraft enforcement details on the Kinkaid Lake Complex. Multiple subjects were cited for possession of alcohol at the spillway area of the lake. CPO Mohrman contacted the operator of a jet ski who was pulling a tuber without an observer. During the contact it was suspected that the operator was impaired. The subject was subsequently arrested for OUI (BAC .113%). CPO Vasicek contacted an

additional jet ski operator who was part of the same group. This operator was also impaired and was arrested for OUI (BAC .120%).

CPO Vasicek inspected a large motorboat. This vessel had no wearable life jackets on board, no fire extinguisher, unsafe batteries, and improper registration. During the inspection it was suspected the operator was impaired, and was arrested for OUI (BAC .130%) after failing testing.